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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Listing of the claims begins on page 2.

Claim Status and Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

This office action is timely filed on January 17, 2006 with a two month extension of time as January 16, 2006 was a Federal holiday.